

vices the town commissioners may allow said town board of assessors such compensation as in their judgment will be right and just. Any person so appointed as assessor and shall refuse to act shall forfeit and pay to the use of the town not exceeding ten dollars, which may be collected by suit in the name of the town brought before any justice of the peace in Hickory Tavern township, and any person who shall be appointed to serve on any sanitary or other committee whatever shall be required to serve under like penalties and like compensation as assessors who shall be so appointed.

Compensation of assessors.

Penalty for refusal to act.

SEC. 13. The board of commissioners shall have full control of the sale of spirituous liquors within the limits of said town, whether or not liquor shall be sold therein, in what quantities, and if by retail the amount of license tax and the conditions to be specified in a written penal bond in the sum of not less than five hundred dollars, payable to the town of Hickory, which may be put in suit to the use of any person injured by such sale, either in person or property, directly or indirectly; and the commissioners shall moreover have power to revoke such license and close up any bar room at their option, sufficient cause being shown, without refunding any part of the license tax, and no license from the board of commissioners or sheriff of Catawba county shall be lawful in said corporation without the license of the town corporation as aforesaid.

Spirituous liquors.

SEC. 14. In case of any vacancy in the office of mayor or board of commissioners, the same shall be filled by the board as soon as possible; and in case any person elected to the office of mayor or commissioner shall refuse to qualify and act he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars to the said town, and it shall be the duty of the secretary and treasurer to sue for the same if not paid upon demand. And the commissioners shall each be exempt from poll tax for their services: *Provided*, they shall have served for an entire term, or if they be exempt from poll tax shall be paid out of the town treasury an equiva-

Vacancies.